

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An intermediary server is disclosed that facilitates direct access, by Internet users, to web pages that normally occur as mid-point web pages within predetermined access pathways provided and enforced by source servers. The intermediary server comprises a server component, through which client computers request mid-point web pages on behalf of Internet users running on the client computers, and a server component that interacts with source servers in order to obtain the mid-point web pages from the source servers. The intermediary session server maintains associations between client computers, URLs, and parameter strings so that, upon receiving a URL request from a particular client computer, the intermediary session server can supply the associated parameter string to an instance of a finite state machine within the intermediary server's server component that carries out a web-page-based conversation with the source server in order to navigate to, and obtain, the mid-point web page requested by the client computer.